



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
THOMAS M. MENINO

February 9, 2010


TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith an Order to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Six Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety dollars (\$602,290.00) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: Comprehensive Community-Based Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime for the purpose of supporting the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) with the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) initiative. The funds will be used by BPHC to provide comprehensive community-based, data-driven approaches to preventing and reducing violent crime.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purposes for which these funds were granted

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$602,290.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM: COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO PREVENTING AND REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME.

ORDERED: That the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to Section 53A of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Six Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety dollars (\$602,290 00) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: Comprehensive Community-Based Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime for the purpose of supporting the Boston Public Health Commission with the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) initiative.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.


WILLIAM F. SINNOTT
CORPORATION COUNSEL SPJ



Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Communications

Washington D.C. 20531

GRANT NOTIFICATION		Grant Number: 2009-SC-B9-0069
Name & Address of Recipient: City Of Boston 1010 Massachusetts Ave		
City, State & ZIP: Boston, Massachusetts 02118-2600		
Recipient Project Director/Contact: Thomas Menino Mayor		
Phone: (617) 534-2843		
Title of Program: FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: Comprehensive Community-Based Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime		
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Amount of Award: \$ 602,290	Date of Award: 09/11/2009	
Awarding Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance Melanie Davis		
Supplement: No		
Statutory Authority for Program: FY09 Recovery Act (BJA – “Byrne Competitive”) Pub. L. No 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 130		
Impact/Focus: Discretionary	CFDA Number: 16.808	
Project Description: <p>The Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) will help communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provide for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. This competitive grant announcement focuses on initiatives in eight areas: 1) preventing and reducing violent crime through community-based data-driven approaches; 2) providing funding for neighborhood-based probation and parole officers; 3) reducing mortgage fraud and crime related to vacant properties; 4) hiring of civilian support personnel in law enforcement (training staff, analysts, dispatchers, etc.); 5) enhancing forensic and crime scene investigations; 6) improving resources and services for victims of crime; 7) supporting problem-solving courts; and 8) national training and technical assistance partnerships.</p> <p>Under category 1, the city of Boston will use the FY 2009 Recovery Act Byrne Competitive Grant funds to support the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) with the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) initiative. The funds will be used for BPHC to provide comprehensive community-based, data-driven approaches to preventing and reducing violent crime. BPHC has established the following goals for the grant: (1) enhance VIP by hiring four full-time personnel to coordinate collaboration and increase outreach to high-risk youth; (2) convene four neighborhood coalitions that include active participation by city service agencies, the Boston Police Department, residents, and community-based organizations; (3) provide outreach to 1,000 youth and enroll 500 youth from "hotspot" neighborhoods in afterschool, summer, and employment opportunities; (4) provide support and referrals to an additional 90 gunshot and stabbing victims per year through hospital-based intervention; (5) develop and implement a comprehensive data collection and reporting system; and (6) develop and implement a VIP sustainability plan. VIP uses a community engagement strategy to target each "hotspot" neighborhood with</p>		